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PILOT PROJECTS TO CHECK SOIL EROSION
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has implemented any Pilot Project to check soil erosion in the southern parts of Gujarat;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when these projects are likely to be completed?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a)to(c): Government of India, Ministry of Agriculture are implementing two major watershed development programmes, namely, National Watershed Development Project for Rainfed Areas (NWDPRA) and Soil Conservation for Enhancing the Productivity of Degraded Lands in the catchments of River Valley Project & Flood Prone River (RVP & FPR) through Macro Management of Agriculture (MMA). Under these programmes, since inception upto Ninth Five year Plan, 6.70 lakh ha. area has been developed by adopting soil & water conservation measures to check soil erosion and land degradation with an expenditure of Rs.161.20 crore in the State of Gujarat including southern parts. These programmes are continuing in the X Plan.

In addition to these, the ongoing State Plan Schemes for Soil Conservation are being implemented for checking the soil erosion in the southern parts of Gujarat. An area of 0.399 lakh ha. has been treated with an expenditure of Rs.33.459 crore during the past five years, i.e. 1999-2000 to 2003-04. The district-wise details are:-

Name of district	Physical (area in ha.)	Expenditure (Rs.in lakh)
Narmada	9184.99	791.49
Bharuch	10273.46	516.93
Surat	10048.00	917.18
Navsari	3940.00	401.82
Valsad	5341.00	565.51
Dang	1128.00	153.01
Total	39915.45	3345.93